

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 135

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Toni Jill Cox on her selection as the 2018-2019 West View Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Toni Jill Cox is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox has recently been named the 2018-2019 West View Middle School Teacher of the Year, an award befitting her outstanding tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an eleven-year educator, Toni Jill Cox has taught sixth grade English and language arts for eight years; she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a leader at her school, Mrs. Cox is S-Team chair and a Response to Intervention Tier 2 educator; she also coaches the track team; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Toni Jill Cox is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Chad Cox, and their children, Molly, Cooper, and Brody; and

WHEREAS, Toni Jill Cox truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Toni Jill Cox on being chosen as the 2018-2019 West View Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.